

Farm and Household.

Communications are solicited for this column, by farmers and their wives, or any one else who can give any thing of practical importance under this head.

EARLY CUT HAY.

In securing a hay crop early, it is said there is a loss, from a lack of maturity. This is so. But it is more than made up in the succeeding crop, and in the aftermath, which, in good soil, affords a bite in the fall, and yet a protection. Besides, this early cutting, when the stock is yet green and tender, favors the root. It comes somewhat under the head of mowing lawns, or the frequent mowings—some seven or eight times—practiced in Italy. It thickens the sod. Thus there is a benefit all around. You have better hay—er grass, cured, and having a summer effect—more of it, a thickened sod, a good covering for winter. But the best is the summer feed in winter thus secured. And it is more than thin grass—the same land in pastures—can afford, by at least a third, and yet it is not so much as is sometimes raised. We have heard of five tons to the acre, and this may be done by three cuttings, without much difficulty, and of ten tons is supposed. By this mode of cutting the hay would be worth say fifteen dollars, where "good" hay in market brings but ten dollars.

Here is the profit then, mostly—your hay is so much better. This has often been asserted; but yet it seems not to be fully credited, and is often opposed. The reason is, it has not been tested. Who cuts his hay before the heads appear, when it is, to all intents and purposes, grass, tall grass, such as you would like to turn a herd or a horse in to feed—not the milch cows so readily, the short, tender growth of a few days is better. Perhaps it does not give more milk, but makes better butter. Otherwise, the grass fit to cut, knee-deep, is the grass; and this, relieved of its moisture, is the grass fed in the winter.

No, you do not cut such grass; it is too young, too tender, too good to make hay of. You even do not cut it when just headed or well heading out; this is to early even for you. So you do not know what such hay will do. Very few do, though we are glad to say the number is increasing, and the number that now cut clover when in blossom is quite respectable. They are coming up nearer and nearer, and in greater numbers to the point, and by and by they will cut grass when the juice is all in it; when in the stalk there is nothing hard or intransigent. The blossoming is the period when this changes, and then grass ceases to be a proper fodder; it is no longer grass.

I have given the principle of harvesting hay. Last year I secured the first day but half my small crop, for more than one reason. I wished to secure what I cut the same day, and I wished to secure it well. I commenced in time, so as to have a chance to select my day. The next happening to be a good day I secured the rest. With a large quantity of hay to cut, I would have increased my force, doubled my machinery and my hands to run it, when necessary. This, in the long run, will pay. It will save, on an average of the grass, from a quarter to a third of the crop, in quality, which is the main thing; for a pound of good hay is worth two pounds, or more, of poor. A ton of early-cut hay, when just getting into full bloom, or a little earlier, is worth more than twice the amount of ripe hay, or hay just ripe, if you please.

It is worth it, not because it has more nutritive matter, but because it has this in a form and distributed so as to make it available—so as to get the full benefit of the weight—and because it has a sanitary effect, which another hay has not. You are getting up the condition of summer—lively, vigorous, full of digestive as well as muscular energy—in your stock. You appropriate all that is to be appropriated; you get the full, free effect, the work of your outlay, and you are satisfied. You are not satisfied with the old system. Taken altogether, then, such hay is worth twice the value of ripe hay. We prefer it to double the quantity, and would pay that difference in market. And yet people are feeding dead, dry hay—hay that requires grain to make it do. In the other case no grain is thought of, and stock continues its course the year round, improving in winter during the recess in milking.

SMALL FARMER.

REMEDY FOR WHITE HAIRS.

J. W. B. writes:—"A correspondent of the RURAL NEW YORKER asks for a remedy for white hairs that appear on horses from the use of wear of the saddle or harness. My remedy is a very simple one. Take a piece of fresh butter or lard, large enough to give the spot a thorough greasing; rub the same with the hand until it becomes hot, repeating the operation at least three or four times, and the white hairs will soon come out and hairs of natural color take their place. I have tried this on several, and never knew it to fail. Think the best time to do it is in the winter before the new coat starts."

Delicious Jelly Cake.—One cup of sweet cream, two cups of sugar, two eggs, one teaspoonful of soda, three of cream of tartar.

A BUDGET OF DOMESTIC RECEIPTS.

Felon on the Finger.—Many persons are liable to extreme suffering from felons on the finger. These afflictions are not only very painful, but not unfrequently occasion permanent crippling of the members affected. The following simple prescription is recommended as a cure for the distressing ailment: Take common rock salt, such as is used for salting down pork, or beef, dry it in an oven, then pound it fine and mix with spirits of turpentine in equal parts. Put it on a rag and wrap around the part affected, and as it gets dry, put on more, and in twenty-four hours we are cured—the felon will be dead. It will do no harm to try it. *Journal of Agriculture.*

Nose Bleeding.—Bleeding from the nose is always regarded as an unwelcome event, yet, in the opinion of Dr. Hall, it is always beneficial, preventing headache or more serious illness, and sometimes arresting apoplexy and sudden death. Therefore, it should not be immediately arrested. When the nose threatens to bleed excessively, it can sometimes be arrested by putting the feet in hot water, or by applying a mustard plaster between the shoulders.

Preservation of Milk.—Cassius gives the following receipt: Add to every litre (about twenty-nine ounces) of unskimmed milk, previously poured in a well annealed glass bottle, forty centigrams (about six grains) of bicarbonate of soda. Place the bottle containing milk, well corked, for about four hours in a water-bath heated up to ninety deg. (194 deg. F.). On being taken out the bottle is varnished over with tar, and in that state the milk it contains will keep sound and sweet for several weeks.

How to Clean Paint.—The Scientific American suggests the following method for cleaning paint: Provide a plate with some of the whitest to be had, and have some clean warm water and a piece of flannel, which dip into the water and squeeze nearly dry; then take as much whitening as will adhere to it, apply it to the painted surface, when a little rubbing will instantly remove any dirt or grease. After which wash the part well with clean water, rubbing it dry with a soft chamois. Paint thus cleaned looks as well as when first laid on, without any injury to the most delicate colors. It is far better than using soap, and does not require more than half the time and labor.

Washing Colored Fabrics.—Before washing any colored fabric, says the Scientific American, it is recommended to soak them for some time in water, to every gallon of which is added a spoonful of ox gall. A tea cup of lye in a pail of water is said to improve the color of black goods when it is necessary to wash them. A strong, clean tea of common hay will preserve the color of French linens. Vinegar in the rinsing water for pink or green, will brighten those colors, and soda answers the same end for both purple and blue.

To take stains out of White Marble.—Take one ox gall, one wine glass of soap lye, one-half wine glass of turpentine, mix and make into a paste with pipe clay. Put on the paste over the stain, and let it remain several days. If the stain is not fully removed a second application will generally prove sufficient.

Cologne Vinegar.—To one pint of good eau de cologne, add half an ounce of strong acetic acid. This mixture is much used in France as an application in nervous headaches, etc.

Greening Pickles.—It is said that preserved fruit and vegetables may be made to retain their color by digesting them for some time in boiling salt water. After removing the latter, vinegar should be poured over them while boiling hot, removed the third day, boiled and poured on again. The repetition of this process a few times produces a dark green color, not dangerous like the ordinary veridigris.

Snow Puttings.—Take one-third of a box of Cox's gelatine and put it in a very large bowl; pour one pint of boiling water on it; stir it occasionally until it is all dissolved; grate into this the peel of one lemon; when cold strain and add the juice of two lemons and a cup and a half of fine white sugar. Beat the whites of three eggs a little, and then beat all together for an hour and a half, put in moulds and set in a cold place. This will make about three quarts. Make a custard of the yolks of the eggs and pour around the snow when turned out of the mould.

Soda Jelly Cake.—One teaspoon of sweet cream, two teaspoons of sugar, two eggs, half a teaspoon of soda, two of cream of tartar intimately mixed with the flour, to the consistency of batter cakes, nutmeg or vanilla; bake in sheets, spread with jelly; roll immediately.

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